



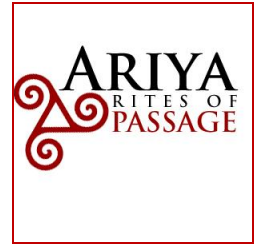
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

SAINT LOUIS ALUMNAE CHAPTER

Rites of Passage - ARIYA Overview

ABOUT RITES OF PASSAGE - ARIYA

The Rites of Passage/ARIYA Program is sponsored by the St. Louis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The participants partake in six months of training where they are exposed to leaders in the community, who present workshops in carefully selected areas geared toward enhancing self-esteem, valuing education, appreciating cultural heritage, promoting community involvement and other areas of special interest.



After completing six months of training, the participants in the Rites of Passage Ceremony are granted permission by their families and the community to transition to the next level of social and educational development.

The ARIYA, a Swahili word meaning celebration, is the program's culminating activity and public celebration where the participants are presented to the community.

PURPOSE

- △ To provide character development and leadership training for young African-American Women,
- △ To encourage them to pursue college after high school graduation,
- △ To empower them to take ownership of their futures by providing an opportunity for them to generate scholarship funds for their post-secondary education.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- △ Must be a high school senior with a minimum GPA of 2.5 (4.0 scale).
- △ Must submit two letters of recommendation: 1) high school teacher or principal 2) non-family member adult

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- △ There is a non-refundable application fee of \$422.00 that may be paid in two installments.
- △ All applicants will be contacted for an interview.

CONTACT INFO

Please direct any questions or comments to ariya@dst-sla.org.

We look forward to an exciting and enriching year.

IMPORTANT

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **Friday, September 17, 2010**

Applications **must** be either (1) received at the address below or (2) postmarked by the above date.

Please complete all sections of the attached application, including the essay with two letters of recommendation and a copy of a current transcript:

DST - St. Louis Alumnae Chapter
Attn: Ariya
3858 Washington Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63108



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SAINT LOUIS ALUMNAE CHAPTER
 Rites of Passage - ARIYA Application

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION					
LAST NAME		FIRST NAME			MIDDLE
STREET ADDRESS					DOB (MM/DD/YY)
CITY		STATE	ZIP	EMAIL ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE		SCHOOL NAME AND ADDRESS			GPA
		<input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell			
NAME OF PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S)				PARENT/GUARDIAN'S TELEPHONE	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell	
PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S EMAIL ADDRESS					
				<input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (INCLUDES SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT)			ROLE		
HONORS AND AWARDS					
POST-GRADUATE INSTITUTION (IF KNOWN)		INTENDED MAJOR		INSTITUTION TYPE	
				<input type="checkbox"/> 2-Yr. (Comm. College) <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Yr (College/Univ.)	
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT				CHECKLIST	
On a separate sheet of paper, please complete your typed essay of 250 words or less describing how you would benefit from the Rites of Passage - ARIYA program.				<input type="checkbox"/> Completed application including all required signatures. <input type="checkbox"/> Typed Essay <input type="checkbox"/> Letters of recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> Transcript	
SIGN					DATE
PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE					
PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE					